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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 17th October 1969

S.O. 4232.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 8 of the Criminal and Election Laws Amendment Act, 1969 (35 of 1969), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These rules may be called the Press Consultative Committee Rules, 1969.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Definitions.**—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Act" means the Criminal and Election Laws Amendment Act, 1969 (35 of 1969);

(b) "Administrator" means an Administrator of a Union territory;

(c) "appropriate Government" means—

(i) in relation to the Central Press Consultative Committee, the Central Government,

(ii) in relation to the State Press Consultative Committee, the State Government,

(iii) in relation to the Press Consultative Committee of a Union territory, the Administrator of that Union territory;

(d) "Committee" means—

(i) in relation to the Central Government, the Central Press Consultative Committee,

(ii) in relation to the State Government, the State Press Consultative Committee,

(iii) in relation to a Union territory, the Press Consultative Committee of that Union territory;

(e) "section" means a section of the Act.

3. **Constitution and composition of the Press Consultative Committees.**—(1) For the purposes of section 6, there shall be constituted—

(a) by the Central Government, a Central Press Consultative Committee,

(b) by the State Government, a State Press Consultative Committee,

(c) by the Administrator, a Press Consultative Committee for that Union territory.

(2) The Central Press Consultative Committee shall consist of not less than ten members and not more than fifteen members to be chosen by the Central Government from amongst editors, other working journalists and persons who own or carry on the business of management of newspapers.

(3) A State Press Consultative Committee shall consist of not less than seven members and not more than ten members to be chosen by the State Government from amongst editors, other working journalists and persons who own or carry on the business of management of newspapers.

(4) The Press Consultative Committee of a Union territory shall consist of not less than seven members and not more than ten members to be chosen by the Administrator from amongst editors, other working journalists and persons who own or carry on the business of management of newspapers.

4. **Appointment and functions of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.**—(1) The appropriate Government shall appoint a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the Committee from amongst the members of the Committee.

(2) (a) The Chairman and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside over any meeting of the Committee.

(b) Where the Vice-Chairman is also absent at any meeting, the members present shall elect a person from amongst themselves to preside at that meeting.

5. **Term of office of the members of the Press Consultative Committees.**—The term of office of the members of the Committee shall be three years from the date of constitution of such a Committee.

6. **Casual Vacancies.**—(1) The appropriate Government may appoint a person, from amongst editors, other working journalists and persons who own or carry on the business of management of newspapers, as may be suggested by the Chairman of the Committee, to fill a vacancy that may arise consequent upon the death, resignation or removal of a member.

(2) The member so appointed shall hold office for the remaining period for which the member in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

7. **Resignation.**—(1) A member, other than the Chairman, may by a letter addressed to the Chairman, resign his membership.

(2) The Chairman may resign his membership by a letter addressed to the Vice-Chairman.

(3) A resignation shall take effect from the date of its acceptance or on the expiry of thirty days from the date of resignation, whichever is earlier.

8. **Removal from the Committee.**—The appropriate Government may remove from office any member of the Committee—

(a) if he has become physically or mentally incapable of functioning as a member;

(b) if he has been convicted of an offence punishable under section 153A, 295A or 505 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45 of 1860) or for an offence involving moral turpitude;

(c) if he has been found guilty of an act in respect of which action has been taken against him under section 6 of the Act or under section 13 of the Press Council Act, 1965 (34 of 1965).

9. **Quorum for meetings.**—One-third members of the Committee shall form a quorum at every meeting of the Committee:

Provided that at any meeting in which less than one-third members of the Committee are present, the Chairman may adjourn the meeting to a date not less than five days later and inform the members present and notify other members that he proposes to dispose of the business at the adjourned meeting irrespective of the quorum and it shall thereupon be lawful to dispose of the business at such adjourned meeting irrespective of the number of members attending.

10. **Meeting to be convened for considering representation.**—(1) Any representation against an order passed under sub-section (1) of section 6 shall immediately be forwarded to the Committee by the appropriate Government.

(2) On receipt of the aforesaid representation, the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall expeditiously convene a meeting of the Committee at such time and place as he may deem fit for the consideration of the representation.

(3) The recommendation of the Committee shall be communicated to the appropriate Government.

11. **Staff and secretarial assistance to the Committees.**—The appropriate Government shall provide to the Committee necessary staff and secretarial assistance and such other assistance as may be considered necessary to enable it to perform its duties.

12. **Travelling allowance, daily allowance or conveyance allowance to members of the Central Press Consultative Committee.**—(1) A member of the Central Press Consultative Committee shall be entitled to draw, in respect of any journey performed by him for the purpose of attending a meeting of the said Committee, or for the purpose of discharging any duty assigned to him by the said Committee, travelling allowance and daily allowance at the highest rates admissible to Class I officers of the Central Government.

(2) The Travelling allowance shall be payable from the usual place of residence of a member of the Committee aforesaid to the place of the meeting or the place where he has gone to attend any business of the said Committee and back to his place of residence:

Provided that when the journey commences from or the return journey terminates at any place other than his usual place of residence, the travelling allowance shall be limited to the amount that would have been payable had the journey commenced from or terminated at the usual place of residence, or to the amount payable in respect of the actual journey undertaken, whichever is less:

Provided further that in special circumstances the Central Government may for reasons to be recorded in writing, grant travelling allowance from places other than the usual place of residence of a member of the Committee aforesaid

(3) No conveyance allowance for attending meetings of the said Committee or for attending to any other business of that Committee, shall be paid to those members of the Committee aforesaid who draw travelling or daily allowance:

Provided that a member of the said Committee who is resident at a place where the meeting of the Committee aforesaid is held or where any other business of the said Committee is transacted, may be paid the actual expenditure incurred on conveyance by him, subject to a maximum of rupees ten per day.

13. **Travelling allowance and other allowances to members of the State Press Consultative Committee or the Press Consultative Committee of a Union territory.**—A member of the State Press Consultative Committee or of the Press

Consultative Committee of a Union territory shall be entitled to draw, in respect of any journeys performed by him for the purpose of attending a meeting of the respective Committees or for the purpose of discharging any duties assigned to him by any such Committees, travelling allowance and daily allowance at the highest rates admissible to the officers of the highest grade of the State Government or of the Union territory concerned.

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